



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CHANG *et al.*

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For: **Systemic Viral/Ligand Gene
Delivery System and Gene Therapy**

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Reply to Restriction Requirement and Amendment and Remarks

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated **May 10, 2006**, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-18, 32 and 36, drawn to a vector for delivery of a virus to a target cell within a host animal consisting essentially of a cell-targeting ligand, which is a protein, peptide or hormone, non-covalently bound to said virus, wherein said ligand binds directly to a receptor on said target cell, and a method for preparing said vector, classified in classes 435 and 530, subclasses 320.1 and 350. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisional or continuation applications.

This election is made **with traverse**. For at least the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully contend that the Restriction Requirement is in error, and request that it be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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Applicants also request the entry and consideration of the following amendments. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, this Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.